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In the ten years, 1950 to 1960, Torrance contributed more than one-fourth of the total population gain in the entire South Coast area.

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# 25-YEAR 'PEN PAL' DREAM COMES TRUE



## Australian Pamela Messmer Meets Our Eulalie Dominica

A giant jet took the place of a magic carpet of childhood to make two dreams come true Thursday at the Los Angeles International Airport.

From the BOAC 707, Flight No. 591 from England, stepped Pamela Messmer into the arms of Eulalie Dominica.

"Oh, Pam" sighed Eulalie. "Oh," cried Pamela, "it's lovely to see you."

The magic wand of childhood memories touched the two women and, for an instant, 25 years melted away and they were little girls again, as they were in 1937 when Pamela in Australia and Eulalie in the United States began to correspond as pen pals.

Then, the magic passed, and they were again Mrs. Bruce Messmer, from Australia, via England, and Mrs. Jim Dominica, from Torrance, U.S. of A., with genial Jim Dominica by her side.

Through all those 25 years, through a war, the

disappointments and joys of life, through courtship, marriage, motherhood, Pamela and Eulalie kept a constant bridge of letters spanning the miles that separated them to join their lives together in a bond that shall never break.

In the letters, and in their minds, they nourished and kept alive the wonderful dream of childhood that someday they would meet.

On Thursday, the dream came true, at last, and the human joy of reality was as beautiful as any dream could ever be.

In the home of the Dominicas' at 4327 W. 230th St., Pamela Messmer, met her namesake, 14-year-old Pamela, the daughter of Eulalie.

"To keep things straight," laughed Eulalie Dominica, "We've decided to call Pamela Pamela and Pam, Pam."

Pamela met Danny, 16, Eulalie's son.

She met Poochie and Dinkie, the Dominicas' two dogs.

Pamela's daughters, little Beth, 18 months, and Ruth, 5, were caught up in the spirit of their mother's great real-life adventure.

The eyes of little blonde Beth were heavy from sleep, but valiantly she kept them open so she'd miss none of the marvelous excitement.

Out came an old scrapbook and the pictures it contains could see their mother as she was 25 years before, when she, too, was a little girl.

The carefully-kept scrapbook and the pictures it contains capsulizes the life of Pamela Messmer for the past 25 years, all kept meticulously by the loving hands of Eulalie.

Cries of joyful memory broke from Pamela's lips as she saw picture after picture, as she saw the 19-year-old letter she'd written when the world was darkened by war, as she turned up her face to see the looks of love and warmth in the eyes of people whom she'd never seen before, but had known and treasured for so very, many years.

Each passing moment in the home on West 230th Street that Thursday evening brought new excitement as the carefully planned itinerary was told to Pamela, Ruth and little Beth.

Friday was a day of rest and a short trip to show Los Angeles to Pamela and her daughters.

Saturday was spent at Disneyland.

Today, they are at the Pacific Ocean Park, Santa Monica.

Tomorrow, they visit Knott's Berry Farm.

Tuesday, Farmer's Market.

Wednesday, the San Diego Zoo, and Tijuana, in another country.

Thursday, Marineland.

Friday, a day of rest and then Pamela, Ruth, and little Beth return to the airport to fly to San Francisco and Australia . . .

. . . with the warm memory of how wonderful it is to have a dream come true.

A BOOK OF MEMORY is opened by Mrs. Eulalie Dominica (left) in her home and shown to little Ruth (center), daughter of Mrs. Pamela Messmer (right), who is reading a letter she wrote on Nov. 24, 1944, to Eulalie, her pen pal for 25 years.

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PAMELA MEETS PAM (right), her namesake, as daughter Ruth looks at the scrapbook kept by Mrs. Eulalie Dominica for 25 years she and Mrs. Pamela Messmer corresponded as pen

pals. Mrs. Messmer is visiting Jim and Eulalie Dominica in Torrance this week before resuming her flight from England to Australia.

—Press Photo

## Alert Citizen Helps Trace Boy Burglars

By WILLIAM SCHELL JR.

Two boys who are not from Torrance were arrested Wednesday by Ray Silagy, Torrance police juvenile officer, in connection with 13 house burglaries during the past two weeks.

One was 16, the other 19. They were traced through the license number of their car, which was noted by the neighbor of a Torrance resident whose home was entered.

The boys, from Hermosa Beach, admitted five burglaries in West Torrance and the Hollywood Riviera section, and eight in Hermosa Beach.

The boys told police that they turned to crime to support gambling and to pay the rent on an apartment.

The burglaries occurred during the day. One boy would enter a home while the residents were working in the yard and the other would watch to make sure he was safe.

The police said the 19-year-old has been arraigned on a charge of petty theft and the younger boy has been sent to Juvenile Hall.

## Coin Club

After two years meeting in the same location, the Torrance Coin Club is moving to new headquarters at the Torrance Recreational Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd., directly behind the Benstead Plunge.

The guest speaker for the Tuesday, March 19 meeting will be Sol Alexander, a well known nummatist, whose topic will be "Mexican Revolutionary Coinage."

## College Chances Good, Unless We Quit

(First of a series of letters to readers)

Our chances of bringing our college to Torrance are not dead. On the contrary, they are very much alive.

The only thing at this stage of the game that would kill our chances is for us to give up.

One public official, in January, looking down what he then knew was a long, hard road to victory, said: "If the college comes to Torrance, it is the people who will bring it here."

At the moment, a site in Torrance can be provided for the \$5 million the state has appropriated for that purpose.

The only reason why Torrance can provide a site for that amount is because the site committee of the Board of Trustees of California State Colleges opened the door for us by writing new rules to favor Fox Hills Golf Course.

The site committee demanded 300 acres in Torrance, but only 100 from Fox Hills. Surely, it is only fair play that we should be able to come in the game under the same rules. Can the site committee deny that fairness?

Officials of the Santa Fe Railroad met with our people Friday in Torrance. The railway men agreed to "re-compute" the cost of the land and the cost of the removal of the oil wells on

the smaller site of about 100 acres.

It is said the railway officials displayed a "cooperative attitude," but that is only an opinion. The same hope was raised in January when the railroad sent a letter repeating almost word for word the same terms that in November, 1962, proved to be the main barrier to bringing the college here.

The response to the coupon in last Wednesday's Press giving you a chance to support Torrance as a site for the college is good. Our phone was ringing all day Thursday and reports of what various people said will be published in the next 60 days.

The action of H. G. Cas-

sell, of 1348 W. 216th St., is typical. He drove up to The Press, walked in the door, handed us his coupon, said: "I think this belongs here."

We appreciate his determination to help bring the college to Torrance, because only the courage and determination on the part of people like you and Mr. Cassell can do it.

Bringing the coupon here really isn't necessary. You can clip the one in the upper right hand corner of this page, and mail it.

P.S. — For those of you who want to work to get others to sign, too, you can get petitions here at The Press tomorrow, Monday, March 18.

Good hunting.

(Next: How a site is chosen)

## High School Principals, Counselors Invited to Hear About Nursing

The student counselors and principals of Torrance high schools are invited to attend the meeting Wednesday, March 20 in Jordan High School, Long Beach, at 7:30 p.m., to hear educators discuss Careers in Nursing.

The meeting is sponsored by Unit H, California League for Nursing, and is designed to present information about nursing careers to those who are in a position to guide young people choosing a career.

Mrs. Ruth Eveley, chairman of the careers committee, will be moderator of a panel at the meeting.

Other members of the panel include Daniel W. Langston, director child welfare services and counselors, Long Beach Unified School District; Mrs. Frances Hoogstad, nurse instructor, Long Beach City College; Vi Sampart, nursing instructor, Long Beach City College; Mary Martinetti, assistant to the director, School of Nursing, Los Angeles County Hospital; and Vivian Suchre, associate professor, in nursing, Long Beach State College.



A GOOD NEIGHBOR, Georgie Foytik, 456 Via Las Miradores, puts a finishing touch upon one of 120 packages 50 girls at South High School are wrapping and shipping to Venezuela. Packages contain items for the needy and are being sent to Accion, a California group working in South America. Winifred Marich, former South

High language teacher, is with Accion and told the girls what was needed. The girls collected the items, packed them and will pay shipping costs with proceeds of Capri Day. The work was done through the cooperation of Miss Norma Muesing, Girls' League sponsor at South High.

—Press Photo